

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese document JP55036554. Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese document JP01163306. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese document '557 in view of Japanese document JP06057761.

In response to the Office Action, the claims have been amended to clearly distinguish the features of the present invention over the cited art. With respect to claim 1, the only similarity between JP '557 and the present invention is the forming of a foundation. JP '761 fails to disclose hanging a precast socket element spaced above a bottom of a trench and then adjusting and leveling the precast socket elements with holding/leveling devices which are positioned outside of the trench. Fresh concrete is subsequently poured in the bottom of the trench to engage a downwardly projecting reinforcement of the precast socket elements.

Similarly, with respect to claim 2, JP '554 fails to appreciate the U-shaped longitudinal socket groove with the sidewalls of the socket groove having round inner holes and rectangular outer holes spaced above the bottom wall. Further, a planar protruding reinforcing mesh 3.3, as shown in the figures of the application, is

connected to and spaced from the bottom wall of the longitudinal U-shaped socket groove.

With respect to claim 3, JP '306 fails to appreciate hydraulic lifting presses which are movable to level a horizontally extending rectangular bolt above a bottom of a trench. In the '306 reference, assembly 21, 22, 23 is placed at the bottom of the trench and no leveling is required.

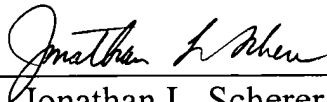
Accordingly, the present invention, as defined in the amended claims, is patentably distinguished over the art of record.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should now be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

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